

SENATE BILL 1732

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 1991; as amended by Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 2 of the Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 130 of the Private Acts of 2002, Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2005, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Charter of the City of Bristol.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 6-2 of Chapter 84 of the Private Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 140 of the Private Acts of 1996, Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 2005, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Members of the board of education shall be residents of and elected by the qualified voters of the city in the same manner used to elect members of the city council, with one (1) member to reside in each of the three (3) districts provided in Section 2-1, and two (2) members to reside anywhere in the city. In order to stager their terms, candidates elected to the three (3) district seats shall be elected at the same time, and candidates elected to the remaining two (2) seats shall be elected at the same time. For the three (3) district seats, the candidate residing in each district receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared to be elected as the member from that district, and for the non-district seats, the candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared to be elected. All qualified voters of the city may vote for all candidates notwithstanding the residency of the voter within the city. The terms of office for members of the board of education shall be four (4) years. The term of each board member shall begin on July 1 after the election. All members shall be eligible for reelection.

SECTION 2. The change in the method of electing members of the board of education of the City of Bristol provided in Section 1 of this act shall commence with the municipal election to be held in May 2011, during which election the two (2) seats for existing Districts 2 and 4 shall be filled by candidates residing anywhere in the city. During the municipal election to be held in May 2013, the three (3) board of education seats for existing Districts 1, 2 and 3 shall be filled by candidates residing in the East District, South District and West District respectively.

SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed as having the effect of removing any incumbent from office or abridging the term of any official prior to the end of the term for which such official was elected.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Bristol. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the City of Bristol and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 4.